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In re Application of: Danielle Joseph Brunelle et al. : Group Art Unit: 1711
Application No. 10/647,889 : Examiner: Truong, Duc
Filed: August 25, 2003 : Confirmation No. 3526
For: PHASE TRANSFER METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF
POLYETHERIMIDES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir,

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2004, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the group I claims 1-37. This election is made with traverse since the language of each of claims 1-40 clearly recites a method which produces a polyetherimide. As required by the Examiner the Applicants elect the species (A) of the group I claims.

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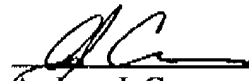
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The Examiner is courteously requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if additional information regarding this application is required.

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